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Fortnightly "Pageant of Brides" Gave An Enchanting Program; Beautiful Gowns Are Worn

The presentation of the "Pageant of Brides" by the Fortnightly club at its scheduled meeting last week Friday evening in the Unitarian church will be remembered as a most interesting and successful event. Dresses worn by brides as long ago as 1814, and down to the present time offered a picture gallery of intense interest, and climaxed their showing when worn by models, of our beautiful young girls. Fifty-five brides dresses were exhibited, and in the order of their display showed the various changes in dress that came about with the passing of the years. The procession of brides, was led by the ushers, down the center aisle of the church, in single file, and as each reached the platform, either Mrs. Frank H. Montague or Mrs. Charles Streeter, who composed the committee in charge, announced the owner of the dress, made pertinent historical comment and introduced the model wearing it. During the proceeding of the affair, Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed presided, at the organ with appropriate selections and a sextette consisting of Mrs. Andrew Savchiff, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Donald Williams, Mrs. Vernal Hurlbut, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. William Shattuck sang selections at intervals. The program was introduced by a dialogue between Mrs. Martin E. Vorce and her daughter, Mrs. Ray Thompson, who is the president of the Fortnightly. In the audience, which completely filled the church, were the members of the Fortnightly and their friends, and a large delegation from Bernardston, who so kindly co-operated and furnished a large number of the brides dresses, with the year in which they were worn; follows, with the name of the person wearing them and the name of the model directly underneath.

- 1814—Murielle Toller Weeks
Katherine Tyler
1817—Mary Churchill Royce
Katherine Johnson
1844—Rebecca Holton
Katherine Moody
1852—Julia Evans
Beverly Potts
1864—Harriet Baker
Patty Long
1866—Mrs. Montague
Arlene Dunnell
1869—Martha Douglas
Evelyn French
1874—Mrs. Peabody
Winona Robinson
1872—Alice Lyman
June Bolton
1873—Eva Ware
Enid Miner
1876—Mila Atherton
Beryl Atherton
1878—Nellie M. Wood
Alma Dunklee
1879—Annie Mattoon
Barbara Addison
1881—Nellie Adams
Mary Bolton
1883—Mrs. J. Harris
Carolyn Miller
1883—Daisy Barber
Minnie Callender
Delphine Field
1887—Mrs. Clifford Field
Ruth Field
1889—Anne Howard
Barbara Harris
1890—Thompson Family
Esther Hale
1891—Mrs. Dora Calder
Ruby Barber
1892—Mertie Clapp
Josephine Silva
1893—Addie Frary
Marion Clark
1893—Lantha Rikert
Carolyn Rikert
1893—Josephine Holton
Phoebe Stacy
1895—Lisette Vorce
Lucretia Marshall
1897—Mary Evans
Thelma Richardson
1897—Lody Folstead
Althea Churchill
1898—Florence Streeter
Beth Hammond
1898—Nellie Nelson
Eva May Streeter
1901—Mary Holton
Oliver Fisher
1903—Ida Kinsman
Eleanor Barnes
1903—Ethel Thompson
Ruth Avery
1907—Mabel Johnson
Doris Miller
1912—Alice Brismaster
Natalie Brismaster
1914—Mary Wentworth
Janet Kell
1914—Margaret Davis
Gloria Savchiff
1914—Flora Franklin
Neta Newton

- 1916—Marguerite Browning
Barbara Browning
1917—Helen Skilton
Margaret Skilton
1919—Lois McEwan
Lillian Dawe
1920—Mrs. Fred Stone
Isabel Stone
1922—Mrs. Harold Bigelow
Helen Smith
1923—Eva Whitman Fox
self
1929—Katherine Livingston
Polly Spencer
1929—Iva Root
Betty Phelps
1930—Kathleen Langua
Virginia Bolton
1934—Vera White
Dora Anne Davis
1938—Dorothy Bolton
self
1939—Genevieve Eastman
self
1939—Betty Mayberry
self
1939—May Lanphear
self
1939—Priscilla Lawrence
self
1940—Gwendolyn Archbold
self accompanied by Janet
Spencer, flower girl

Mrs. B. F. White of South Vernon loaned a Palestine costume worn by Phyllis Ingram. The success of the "Pageant of Brides" was due in large measure to the co-operation of a large number of friends, who assisted in the costuming and to Miss Evelyn Lawley, Mrs. George Thompson, Miss Phyllis Turner and others. Robert Miller, Stanley Johnson and James Spaulding were ushers. Mrs. Shattuck arranged the music for the program. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be on Friday, March 21 at 3 o'clock in Alexander hall when Prof. William G. Vinal, director of the Nature Guide school at State college will give a nature talk. The hostesses will be Mrs. George W. Carr, Mrs. Walter Hyde and Mrs. Roy Fish.

Aaron Newton Marries In Cincinnati, Ohio

On Saturday afternoon of last week, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Miss Marie C. Benson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Benson of Livingston, Montana, and Dr. Aaron W. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chauncey Newton of Greenfield, former residents of Northfield, were married in the chapel of the Childrens hospital in Cincinnati, with which Miss Benson was serving on the staff as dietitian. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Harrison Hadley, rector of the Episcopal church in Glendale, who was also chaplain of the hospital. The chapel was decorated with white gladioli and special music was rendered as part of the service.

The bride wore a gown of white chiffon and lace with a train and fingertip veil. She carried white roses. Her matron of honor, Mrs. Eva Yiviskaer, wore blue chiffon and carried pink roses.

Seth Field, an intimate friend of Dr. Newton, formerly of Northfield, but now of Gloversville, N. Y. was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Gibson hotel. In the receiving line with the bride and bridegroom were their attendants, their mothers and the sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. John Barbour of Walpole.

Dr. and Mrs. Newton will make their home at 14435 Terrace road, East Cleveland, after April 1 when they return from a wedding trip to the south. For traveling, the bride wore an aqua crepe ensemble. The bride is a graduate of the University of Montana and was a student in dietetics at the Mass. General hospital, Boston. She served on the staff at that hospital for two years and was dietitian at the Childrens hospital in Cincinnati for two years. The bridegroom attended Middlebury and M.S.C. and was graduated from Tufts Medical school, he interned at Boston City hospital and then became resident physician at the Robert Breck Brigham hospital in Boston. He is now assistant surgeon of the U. S. Public Health service in Cleveland.

This Friday evening in town hall, the local chapter of the Eastern Star, will hold an entertainment and dance with the Musical Bargeons, providing the program and music. The entertainment is from 8 to 9 and dancing from 9 to 12.

Announcements Made Of The Conferences This Summer Season

Preliminary announcement is made this week of the 62nd season of the Northfield summer conferences. The first gathering will be that of the Girls conference which opens on Tuesday, June 24 and the final conference is that of the General conference which closes on Monday, Aug. 18. The Music Festival will be held on Sunday, Aug. 10. Each summer over ten thousand people gather on the grounds of the Northfield schools for the various conferences, to enjoy a period of inspiration, rest, relaxation and recreation and this year a larger average attendance is expected, because of increased interest in matters of religion, music and education. The Northfield Girls conference will be in session June 24 to July 2 on the Seminary campus. This conference is for girls of secondary school and college age, who are interested in discovering life's fullest meaning and in learning to apply the principles of Christ to today's problems. Mt. Hermon Alumni week, from June 30 to July 6 will be at Mt. Hermon, when an institute will be conducted. It will be a gathering of fellowship with a lecture program. Northfield Missionary conference meets on the Seminary campus, July 7 to the 15. It will be an interdenominational gathering for women and girls who are interested in missions, endeavoring to be of service in the Christian church. The United Presbyterian conference is slated for July 12 to 19 at Mt. Hermon. Its delegates will come from the eastern part of the United States, and they will consider important matters in connection with their activities in their denomination. Religious Education conference will convene July 15 to 26 on the Seminary campus. It is the oldest summer training school of its type in the country and is intended for the deepening of personal religious experience and the training methods of church work. The Westminster Choir college will meet July 21 to Aug. 11 at Mt. Hermon for the summer sessions of the Westminster college at Princeton, N. J. This summer school is under the personal direction of John Finlay Williamson, the founder of the college. The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor conference will be held on the Seminary campus July 26 to Aug. 2. The primary purpose of this conference is to train young people for leadership in the church and to study of the problems in personal life. The Northfield General conference, from Aug. 2 to 18 will meet on the Seminary campus with its sessions held in Sage chapel and at the auditorium. This conference has been an important factor in the development and strengthening of the world's Christian leadership. There will be well known and capable speakers and teachers and emphasis will be laid on Christian living and activity. Information regarding all of these conferences may be had by writing to the Summer Conference Committee, Kenard Hall, East Northfield. Christian workers may also secure copies of the various bulletins of these conferences from the same source. Northfield will be happy to again greet the summer sojourners and to extend to all a hearty greeting.

The presiding officers of the Northfield General conference are President William E. Park, Dr. Paul D. Moody and Dr. Paul E. Soberer.

Congregational Church

Services Sunday and for the week are as follows: Sunday school at 10; morning worship at 11, the preacher will be Mr. Edward Dahl of Yale Divinity school; Christian Endeavor at 6:45 and Mr. Dahl will address the meeting, all invited; Young Peoples Forum at 7:45 (see notice); Tuesday, Bible class at Alexander Hall at 3 (see notice); Thursday, all day meeting of the Ladies' Sewing society; prayer meeting at 7:15, led by Prof. H. H. Morse; choir rehearsal at 8.

To Hear Chord Singer

Students at Mt. Hermon will have an opportunity to hear one of America's foremost baritone when Earl Spicer presents a program of traditional English and American ballads in assembly tomorrow Saturday. Mr. Spicer has had engagements in many colleges and schools throughout the eastern states, has been soloist with several symphony orchestras and has sung at a number of music festivals and on the air.

The Spring Vacations

Students at the Northfield schools will leave on spring vacations next week. For the boys at Hermon spring recess begins at noon on Wednesday. At the Seminary the girls will leave on Thursday morning. Classes will be resumed at Hermon on April 1 and at the Seminary on April 3.

THE SAME GOAL



Hermon - Seminary Sunday Speakers And Musical Vespers

This Sunday, Dr. George Irving of the Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia will preach at morning and vespers services at Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel. Services are at 10:30 and 5 and following the evening service there will be an organ recital in the chapel.

At the Seminary, Rev. Harold B. Ingalls will lead the morning service in Russell Sage chapel at 11. In the evening at 5 the music department of the Seminary will give a musical vespers. Participating in the program will be Jane Locke, violin; Martha Ivory, piano; Paul Ivory, violoncello; Catherine Colton, piano; Marian Keller, organ; and a semi-chorus and choir under the direction of Melvi L. Gallagher.

The program will be as follows: Organ Prelude, Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Hymn, Bethlehem; Anthem, Grant Us Thy Peace, old German tune arranged by Roberta Bitgood; Trio in B flat major op. 99 by Schubert, Allegro moderato, Andante poco mosso; A Rose Breaks Into Bloom, Brahms; Seguidilla, Albeniz; Gardens in the Rain, Debussy; Anthem, Listen to the Lamb, Negro spiritual arranged by Dett; Recessional, "Angel Voices; Seven-fold Amen, Stainer; Postlude, Magnificat, Gloria, Dupre.

Phelps - True

Gladys Martin True, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. True of Skowhegan, Me., and John Edward Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps of Northfield were married last Friday evening, March 7, in the parsonage of the Baptist church in Bernardston. Rev. David Lovett, pastor, used the double-ring service.

The couple was attended by Mrs. Harold Doran of Turners Falls, sister of the bride, as matron of honor and Richard Phelps, brother of the bridegroom was best man. The bride wore a navy redingote dress and a yellow of pink sweet peas and yellow roses. The matron of honor wore a navy print bolero dress and a corsage of gardenias and orchid sweet peas. A reception was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Doran following the ceremony, for the members of the families. The bride is a native of Skowhegan, Maine and graduated from the high school of that city. She also attended Colby College in Waterville, Maine. The bridegroom is a native of Northfield, a graduate of Powers institute in Bernardston, and attended the Massachusetts School of Art in Boston. Mr. Phelps and Miss True have both been employed at Mt. Hermon school.

Northfield Chapter Bundles For Britain Has Been Organized

Some weeks ago, the proposition to organize in aid of Britain, under the Bundles for Britain, national organization, was given consideration by a local group of women, who visited the Brattleboro chapter. It was decided to work as a unit of the Brattleboro chapter, but since the local response of co-operation has been so effective that an independent Northfield chapter has been organized. A meeting was held at the Northfield hotel last Friday afternoon and the charter committee consists of Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. George W. Carr, Mrs. Ernest Kirmann, Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mrs. William E. Park, Mrs. M. D. Birdsall, Mrs. Alex. Forslund and Mrs. Allen H. Wright. The officers chosen were Mrs. Carr, president; Mrs. Kirmann, secretary; Mrs. Moody, treasurer. The card party given last week Wednesday evening with the generous co-operation of the Northfield hotel, netted the sum of \$82.88 and this money will be used to purchase yarns in the making of garments by local women. Anyone willing to assist in the knitting should volunteer to Mrs. Carr. Persons wishing to contribute cash should send the same to Mrs. Lewis Smith at Mt. Hermon. Persons who desire to contribute clothing in good condition may leave the same at Gordon Buffums filling station. Shortly a complete set of articles bearing the emblem of the organization and the insignia to be worn by friends of the movement will be on sale at the gift shop of the hotel. In the forming of the local chapter, Northfield again places itself in the forefront of active endeavor.

Speak At Washington

The annual dinner of the Washington-Hermon club will be held next Tuesday evening, March 18 at the Army and Navy club in the nations capital.

President William E. Park will be the principal speaker and Frank E. Dunn, alumni secretary, will show movies of "The Hill." Over 100 alumni of Mt. Hermon living in Washington and vicinity are expected to attend and invitations have been extended to all Northfield alumnae located in that territory.

"Githerin" Postponed

Although everything was in readiness for the "Old Fashioned Githerin" meeting at the town hall for Tuesday evening, it was necessary to postpone the event, because of the hard storm. Rev. Mr. MacArthur with his party had left Ludlow, Vt., but ran into the storm at Bellows Falls, and found it impossible to proceed. After a telephone call to Northfield, local friends immediately began to send out word of the cancellation of the meeting. It is proposed however to arrange for the meeting at a later date and full publicity will be given of the new date and place.

For Civilian Defense Citizens May Register Committee Organizes

Massachusetts has a committee on public safety, headed by former Governor Channing H. Cox, which is perfecting its organization throughout the state in all communities. Its duties and responsibilities were outlined by Gov. Saltonstall, who said that "we as Americans know the value of what we have in America and that we are willing to work and fight to keep it." The civilian defense committee do not supercede any regular governmental agency, but their function are intended to be exercised in disaster caused by war or threat of war. A committee was named for Northfield and the members appointed met last week and organized. George McEwan is chairman; Harold F. Bigelow has in charge the planning division; Dr. R. G. Holton heads the public relations division; Capt. William Marshall, heads the protection division; A. Gordon Moody, the service and supplies division; and Dr. A. H. Wright, the health and social service division. A civilian registration will be held at the American Legion room in the town hall on Monday, March 17 from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 10 o'clock in the evening. Blanks have been received from the state office of the director, J. W. Farley in Boston, and any citizen willing and able to render any specialized or regular service, necessary in the plan for emergency defense are urged to fill out one and indicate just what they are able to do. Now just remember that you can fill out one of these blanks in Northfield at the American Legion room in the town hall on Monday, March 17. The state of Massachusetts is fully co-operating with the Federal government in defense measures and it believes a valued security lies in being fully prepared. "No nation was ever hurt by being over-prepared."

Benefit By Will Of Miss Speakman

According to the will of the late Miss Lydia R. Speakman of Winchester road, which was filed in probate court last week, several beneficiaries are named to share in her estate. The Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York is principal beneficiary for stated amounts in its work, including Dai Lakla \$300; Mrs. William N. Ruhl and Ruth Lydia Ruhl, \$300 each; other \$300 bequests go to Mrs. Lydia S. Drennen of West Grove, Pa.; Mrs. Clara Edmundson of Los Angeles; Mrs. Joseph L. Pyle of Marshallton, Del. and Mrs. Emma Finnefrock of Lancaster, Pa. A \$300 trust is given for the benefit of Madeline Betts at the Delaware state hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage of this town are to receive \$300; Mary E. Underwood of Greenfield is to receive \$200; Miss Christian I. Lee of Orillia, Ont. is to receive \$300. All furnishings and personal effects are to go to Miss Lee, to be divided among Miss Speakmans friends and relatives as designated in a personal letter. Her home on Winchester road may be used rent free until the estate is finally settled by either Eva Skala of East Weymouth or Miss Lee. The balance of the estate is to go to the Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York. The will was dated Feb. 19, 1937 and named S. A. Norton of Greenfield executor.

Boy Scout Item

The regular scout meeting was held Monday evening. After a game period, plans for a troop contest to be held in the spring were made. At the end of the meeting, the new troop flag which has recently been purchased was displayed to the boys. In the closing exercises, the oath was led by Victor Sherwood, the laws by Russell Bigelow and the flag salute by Dwight Stearns and Edwin Finch.

Committee Named Here In Valley Campaign Pioneer Association

With the holding of a banquet at the Hotel Kimball in Springfield on Monday evening and attended by representatives from the many cities and towns of the counties of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin, President John W. Haigis of Greenfield inaugurated the beginning of the campaign to enroll supporters of the work of the Pioneer Valley Association. The gathering was an enthusiastic one and all resolved to get busy and put the campaign over to secure \$24,000, with which the association can carry on its work and advertise the recreational, residential and industrial advantages of the district. Committees have been named in all communities to canvass for memberships and for Northfield, the committee consists of A. Gordon Moody, chairman, George McEwan, Harry L. Gingras, S. E. Walker and Rev. William E. Park. At the dinner, Leo E. McGivena national advertising expert from New York gave high praise to the achievements of the Pioneer Valley association since it was organized in 1938. He said that the region faces extensive competition throughout the country where similar organizations are expending a total of some \$20,000,000 for national newspaper and magazine advertising.

Other speakers included Samuel York, former Conservation Commissioner, who outlined a program for definite projects in each community that would preserve and enhance the attractions of the region; and John H. Finn, Northampton attorney.

"While forty-eight cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley report improved business conditions and the national advertising of the available farm homes for summer residences has brought sales of these properties, and reports of increased real estate sales from 31 communities have been received as a result of a survey made by the Pioneer Valley association, John W. Haigis, warned that there was need to bring more permanent residents into the region.

"Instead of losing 3888 persons, these three counties should have gained 32,054 persons, if we had made the same progress as the rest of the country."

"The population of our cities will increase if we are permitted to spend what must be spent to build tourist business to a greater volume, so that workers to service this business will increase our populations."

"We now know we can increase the tourist business to each of the 70 cities and towns, that we have advantages here that will attract desirable summer home purchasers, and that we can create a steady new income for the shopping, mercantile and trading centers in all three counties through the Pioneer Valley Association program," said Mr. Haigis. A. Gordon Moody and S. E. Walker attended the dinner meeting.

New Books At Library

It will be of interest to patrons of the Dickinson Memorial library to learn that a number of new books have been added since Jan. 1. Here is an all inclusive list:

The Cradle of Life	Adams
Today and Forever	Buck
Englands Hour	Brittain
The Blue Cloak	Bailey
Mountain Meadow	Buchan
The Family Failing	Bower
Our Country and Our Flag	
His Wife, the Doctor	McCord
Where Beauty Dwells	Loring
Danger Trail	Brand
The Silent Drum	Swanson
KarTetimm pmM.	
Kate Trimmingham	Frost
Gone with the Draft	Kendall
On the Long Tide	Krey
Horses I Have Known	James
Let's Fly	Vetter
My Sister and I	Van der Heide
A Red Cross Dog at Work	Salten
Blueberry Corner	Lenski

BINGO

Friday, March 14 at 8:30 P. M.
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TOWN TOPICS

Wednesday evening of last week the local bowling team won a game with the Streeter team in the county league by a score of 3-1 at Greenfield. Northfield is moving to first place.

Rt. Wor. Earle C. Parker, Grand Junior Warden of Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons will address the 12th Lodge of Instruction which meets with Bay State Lodge at Montague on Tuesday, March 25 at 8 o'clock.

Harmony Lodge of Masons met at the Masonic hall on Parker St. Wednesday evening. Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock and two candidates were received into membership.

On Friday evening March 28 the Young People Symphony orchestra under the direction of Harold A. Leslie of Greenfield, will give a concert in the town hall, the net proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the high school senior class Washington trip fund.

Sydney F. Spencer, for the past three years, with the Pittsfield office of the N. E. Telephone Co. has been appointed to the Greenfield office to succeed Ralph H. Hoyt, who has been transferred to Pittsfield. The local telephone exchange comes under Mr. Spencer's jurisdiction.

There was a good attendance and much interest in the meeting of the Womens Alliance of the Unitarian church in the vestry, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, when Mrs. O. D. Doolittle presented a study of Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mrs. Joseph W. Field and Mrs. Thomas Parker were the hostesses.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones spent last week on a visit with their son, Dr. Walter Jones and family at their home in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Harry Mahoney and daughter Judith of Akron, Ohio, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones for the past several weeks returned to her home last week.

Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield who lost much of his fine farm land by the disastrous flood of a few years ago, has purchased 112 acres west of the Vernon road from W. A. Davenport of Greenfield.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean plan to leave for New Mexico by auto on March 23 to visit Dr. Dean's sister who is living at Albuquerque. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Morse of Amherst and plan to be gone about three weeks.

Mrs. Charles C. Stearns, who has been very ill at her home on Main street is reported as making a good recovery.

The Grange has invited Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield to neighbor Tuesday evening, March 25. The third and fourth degree will be worked at the meeting of May 13. The Grange will neighbor with Bernardsboro next Wednesday evening.

Monday is St. Patrick's day but no special events are scheduled in this neighborhood.

The storm which struck us Tuesday afternoon, raged through the night and blanketed the countryside. About ten inches of snow fell and plows were out to keep the roads open. Going was hard by auto and most folks remained at home. Not much patronage in the stores.

Monroe and Isabel Smith attended committee meetings in Springfield and New York on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Friday, Mr. Smith leaves for a two week speaking tour in the south-east region A.Y.H.

An A.Y.H. exhibit will be found at the recreation conference at State college, Amherst this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Passmore Elkinton of Moylan, Pa. will visit Mr. and Mrs. David Elkinton at their home on Warwick avenue over the weekend.

Members of the local bowling team are wearing a broad smile. After the game on Wednesday, evening they captured first place in the county league.

It is rumored that Lawrence Quinlan has purchased the Ross property of 14 acres and house at the C. V. underpass on the road to Hermon and that he has sold his home on Maple street to Clifton Ware.

The WCTU will meet next Wednesday afternoon at Alexander hall.

Symphony At Brattleboro

The Pioneer Valley Symphony in its first Brattleboro, Vt. concert, Sunday afternoon in the Auditorium, will render a most interesting program. Director Harold A. Leslie has selected Dvorak's symphony No. 5 in E minor from "The New World." The New World symphony was composed by Dvorak during 1892 and 1893.

The program will be opened with "The Hebrides" by Mendelssohn. Following intermission two numbers, Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime from "Hansel and Gretel," by Humperdinck; and four numbers from Tchaikowsky's Nutcracker Suite will be played.

"This is a time," says an exchange, "that tires men's souls." Yes, and their half-soles, too.

"Messiah" Oratorio Will Soon Be Heard

The combined choirs of the Northfield schools are busily engaged in preparing for the rendition of Handel's "Messiah" which will be given in Sage chapel at the Seminary on Sunday, April 13 and at Memorial chapel at Mt. Hermon on Sunday, April 20. The exact time for each rendition will be announced later. Besides the choir of the two schools, feature solos will be by Claire McLamore, alto, Robert Kirk, tenor and Robert Darrone, bass.

Talked About Siam

Yesterday, Thursday students at the Seminary were pleased to hear a talk by Mrs. Helen King Gethman of the Seminary faculty, at morning chapel service.

Mrs. Gethman lived in Siam for a number of years and she held the unwavering attention of her listeners with her stories of the life and customs of the ancient Siam of the old days. She went on to describe the emergence of Siam into a modern state and dwelt briefly on the present role played by this country in the grasp of Japan. Mrs. Gethman was well known to the royal family during her stay in Siam and has maintained her personal contact with them for many years.

More Men Drafted

The largest number of men in the selective service, from the Montague draft district, were inducted into service on Monday and sent to Springfield. Their number was 64. From Springfield, it is expected they will be sent to Ft. Devens. The Montague board also at its sitting last week listed a total of 111 more men in its classifications. Those from Northfield and their rating is as follows: Class 1A, Walter Wozniak; Class 2A, John F. Chudzick; Albert J. Griswold; Norman R. Miller; Albert J. Eastman; Stephen Matosky and Stanley Dembek; Class 4F, Wacław Podlenski. Those designated in the group which left Monday were Ellsworth Cota, John E. Phelps, Leon A. Bistrek, Wayne A. Block, Curtis A. Carman and Grove W. Deming, Jr.

CURRENT TOPICS

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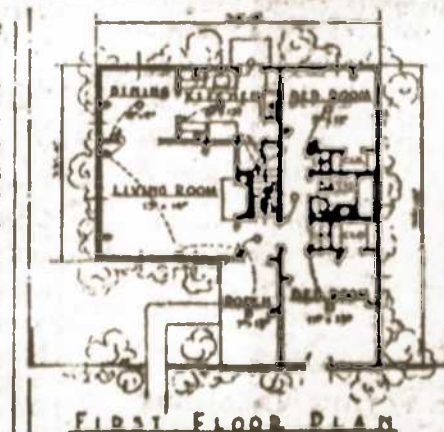
A Rail Fence and a Criss-Cross Gate



HOME is the place where we are loved; where faith and warmth and security hang their bright shields. In fact, it assumes many forms—in many places—but when the artist sings or dreams about it—about the perfect home—the picture often takes on the low-swinging roof, the gay shutters, the white rail fence and criss-cross gate that distinguish this little house, making it seem so truly home-like.

It is a gentle house, with the easy grace of carefully measured form and softly contrived color. It is also strong—strong and reassuring to tired spirits, with tight walls to keep out cold and storm; good plumbing to ward off disease; with a long-lasting roof of asphalt shingles to protect it against fire and time.

It is rich, too, in the "machinery" that floods a home with natural light—windows and panels of glass blocks. Over a dozen windows help turn its rooms towards



the garden and outdoors, while two panels of well placed insulating glass blocks provide translucent, but not transparent, light sources. One of these is in the bedroom, set in the wall that adjoins the front door. The other is in the bath, which it fills with dark-decorating light, making even the medicine cabinet with its trim rows of bottles bright with light.

Glass block panels were almost essential in these two places, for they assure perfect privacy, are easy to clean and curtain, yet transmit wholesome amounts of precious daylight.

Like every good American house, it has an attic. A generous attic that can be used for a playroom, storage space, a sewing room—or many other work-a-day functions. Although the attic boasts only two windows, several attractive dormer windows can be built into the roof whenever needed. These can be easily roofed with the same gayly colored asphalt shingles that now cover the main roof with the assurance that they will match perfectly, for asphalt shingle colors are almost changeless.

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West Northfield and South Vernon

The Vernon Home demonstration group will give a silver tea next Thursday afternoon 2 to 4 at the home of Mrs. Warren Dunklee for the benefit of the town health committee. A program will be arranged.

South Vernon Church—Saturday, junior choir at 1; tonette band, 1:30; toy symphony, 2; Junior Mission society, 3. Sunday: Morning worship, 10:30, sermon by the pastor; School, 11:45; Loyal Worker, 6:30 with Earl Williams, leader; evening service, 7:30. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday at 7 at Vernon Home.

Last Monday evening the dedicatory services at the church were held of the interior chimes given by Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Spiller of Worcester; the bulletin board given by E. S. Bralley in memory of his wife; and the gift of a fund from Mrs. Nellie Adams in memory of her husband. Rev. J. Glover Johnson of Mt. Hermon delivered the address.

Miss Elva Martineau and Miss Lois Billings, who teach in Bethel, Vt. are enjoying a two weeks vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Martineau.

Miss Marion Tyler, student nurse at Hartford (Conn.) hospital has received her nurses cap.

Alfred Edson, Ivan Bowker, William Johnson left with the Brattleboro National Guard unit Wednesday morning for a year of training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

The state trout rearing station received a consignment of 250,000 small trout last Saturday. Sept. Collins has nearly 60,000 trout that he is wintering beside this shipment.

The town of Vernon has been advised of a legacy of \$5,000 left by Mrs. Addie (Davis) Brooks of Seattle, a former resident, the

income to be used for the aged and for needy children of the town.

Officials elected at the Vernon town meeting last week are: Moderator, A. A. Dunklee; clerk, Ada M. Newton; treasurer, A. A. Dunklee; selectman, C. A. Beers; listers, B. A. Streeter and L. W. Johnson; auditor, E. W. Dunklee; collector of taxes, Treasurer; first constable, H. E. Lane; second constable, Robert Collins; road commissioner J. A. Johnson; overseer of poor, Selectmen; school director, W. B. Dunklee; grand juror, R. E. Bruce; town agent, S. S. Pike.

Dan Haskell of Ossining, came to Stonehurst last week Thursday to visit his mother, Mrs. Nettie Haskell on her 81st birthday. He returned to his work on Wednesday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Darby of Windsor, Vt., spent last Sunday with her mother Mrs. F. B. Holton.

The South school P.-T. A. will give a program at the schoolhouse next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. S. J. Martineau is in charge.

Mrs. Lucy Burrows and son, William, of Vernon, are defendants in a suit brought in the Windham county court by Edward Walendy of Guilford, Vt., as the result of an automobile accident, Nov. 1, 1940 at the intersection of the Brattleboro road and the Tyler Hill road. Walendy claims \$1000 for property damage, personal injury, and doctors and medical bills.

The home demonstration group met Tuesday with Mrs. Warren Dunklee. The subject was "Are you a good Provider?" and Mrs. Clayton George had charge.

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BY BETTY BARCLAY

Your problems connected with that dinner in honor of friendly Saint Patrick can be solved by keeping the following recipes before you:

Party Punch

Decaffeinated coffee is a welcome brew to serve at parties, so that you and your guests can linger over second cups without worrying over sleeping problems.

To make decaffeinated coffee by the percolator method, use 1 heaping tablespoon decaffeinated coffee, regular grind, for each cup (½ pint) of cold water. Pour cold water into pot. Set percolator basket in pot and put coffee in it. Cover. Let percolate slowly and gently 15 to 20 minutes, or longer than ordinary coffee, to obtain full strength of decaffeinated coffee. (For a 4-cup percolator, use ½ cup coffee.)

For a gala party punch, pour 4 cups freshly made, chilled decaffeinated coffee over a pint of ice cream in a punch bowl or big mixing bowl, and blend lightly with an egg beater until the ice cream is partly melted. Sprinkle with grated nutmeg.

Green Vegetable Party Salad

1 box (12 oz.) quick-frozen lima beans, cooked
1 box (10 oz.) quick-frozen green beans, cooked
1 box (12 oz.) quick-frozen green peas, cooked
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 tablespoon chopped pimiento
1 teaspoon scraped onion
1 tablespoon vinegar

1½ cups cooked salad dressing
Cook frozen lima beans, frozen green beans, and frozen peas according to directions on packages. Drain and season with salt and pepper. Cool. Add pimiento, onion, vinegar, and dressing and toss together lightly. Chill thoroughly. Serve on crisp lettuce. Serves 10 to 12.

Quick-frozen foods are holiday time savers for hostesses, for all the troublesome work of preparation was done before the flavor and vitamins of peas, green beans, and garden-fresh fruits and vegetables were sealed in by quick-freezing. They are all ready to cook or serve when you take them from their cartons.

Pineapple-Mint Lamb Ring

2 cups diced cooked lamb
French dressing
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
¼ cup water
1 cup canned unsweetened Hawaiian pineapple juice
¼ cup vinegar

½ cup water
5 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon mint extract
Green vegetable coloring
Marinate lamb for one hour in French dressing, well seasoned with onion.

Bring to a boil pineapple juice, vinegar, ½ cup water, sugar, and salt. Pour over the gelatin which has been allowed to soften in the ½ cup water five minutes. Stir until dissolved. Pour enough into a pint and one-half ring mold to just cover the bottom. Set all gelatin aside until it starts to thicken. When gelatin in mold has thickened, garnish with sliced olives. Pour in about half the remaining gelatin mixture. Drain the lamb and put on top of the gelatin. To the rest of the gelatin add mint flavoring and green coloring. Pour over the lamb. Set in refrigerator until firm. Unmold on lettuce, fill center with cold slaw and garnish with water cress and tomato sections. Yield: Six servings.

Tamale Pie

(A one dish meal)
1 cup cooked, dried Lima
1 pound cooked ground beef
¼ pound cooked ground pork
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 cup ripe olives, pitted
2 cups raisins
2 cups milk
¼ cup cornmeal
¼ teaspoon salt
Mix all ingredients in order given, turn into a buttered baking pan and bake about 1 hour in a moderate oven (350° F.).

St. Patrick's Magic Ice Cream (Automatic Refrigerator Method)
½ cup (1½ oz. can) sweetened condensed milk
¼ cup water
1 teaspoon almond extract
Green vegetable coloring
1 cup whipping cream
½ cup finely chopped pistachio nut meats

Mix sweetened condensed milk, water, almond extract and green coloring, if desired. Chill. Whip cream to custard-like consistency. Fold into chilled mixture. Freeze in freezing unit of refrigerator until half frozen. Remove from freezing tray. Beat until smooth, but not melted. Add pistachio nut meats. Replace in freezing unit until frozen. Serves 6. It's failure-proof as well as quick and easy. It needs only one stirring while freezing yet it's always creamy smooth and free of ice splinters; and it takes only 1 cup of cream for six generous helpings.

TOWN TOPICS

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of New York City spent last week end with Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead. Dr. Smith's mother accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer have returned from spending an enjoyable vacation in Florida.

During the last week, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Potts have moved from the Britton house to the former residence of Mrs. Gertrude Leavis on Glenwood avenue and the Ripley family have moved into the Britton house.

Mrs. Lincoln W. Barnes of Amherst, a former resident of this town is spending the winter in Florida. In the March issue of "Yankee" magazine is an article on "Colonial Homes" which she has written in collaboration with Mrs. Letitia H. Barnes.

President William E. Park will preach at Dwight Memorial chapel on the old campus at Yale university next Sunday morning.

A regular meeting of Northfield chapter Order of the Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic hall next Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Members of the board of assessors will be in the selectmen's room at the town hall this Friday evening to confer with any citizen having any matter to bring before them.

Robert B. Marr of Mt. Hermon will start his career in army flying by a three months training in the Alabama Institute of aeronautics in Tuscaloosa, after which he will go to an army air field.

Patients from Northfield recently discharged from the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, include Miss Edna Cullen and Ernest Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Madigan of New York City, who have recently made extensive improvements to the Stearns homestead on the Hinsdale road, have purchased the Atwill farm directly across the highway, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Dean. The Madigans take possession about May 1.

Quite a number of members of the local Garden club, expect to visit the Boston Flower show which exhibits next Monday, March 17 to 22. The New York Flower show is announced at the same time and will be visited by several of our summer residents.

Anyone wishing to knit, donate clothes, or contribute money for the "Bundles for Britain" cause should notify any member of the committee which consists of Mrs. George W. Carr, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. William Park Mrs. M. D. Birdsall, Mrs. Ernest Kirmann, Miss Prudie Moore or Mrs. Murray Hammond.

Local persons who signed the petition for the adoption by the state of the American elm as the state tree, and the chickadee as the state bird, will be interested to learn that action on the bill in the Legislature, to make this official, has been reported favorably by the committee on conservation.

Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Seminary, entertained the County Smith club at her home on the campus last week Thursday afternoon.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Mushovic of Bernardston, at the Franklin county hospital on Thursday, March 6. Mrs. Mushovic was the former Luella Smith employed in the publicity department of the Northfield schools in Kenardon.

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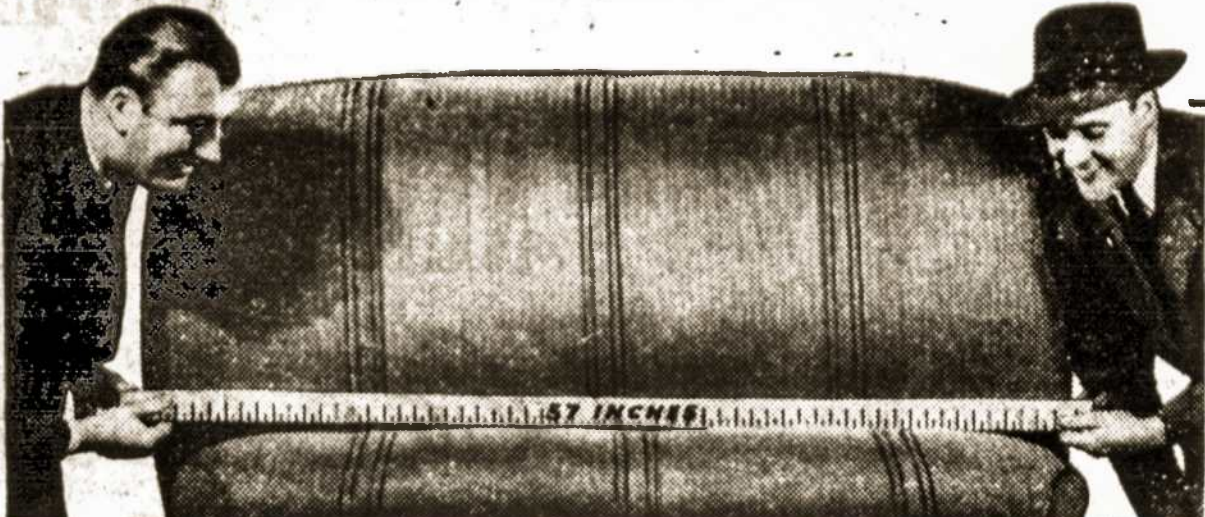
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Leaves To Children

The will of the late Mrs. Tacy W. Atkinson of Philadelphia, and former resident of this town, has been allowed by the orphans court of Philadelphia, but was also filed in the probate court at Greenfield last week, because of the property owned by her on Glenwood Ave. When the sale of the house is completed, the proceeds go to Mrs. Alice Atkinson Johnson of Claremont, Minn. one third; to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Atkinson of Philadelphia, one third, and to Herbert Andrew and Helen Tacy Atkinson, grandchildren, the remaining third. The will was dated April 15, 1935. Mrs. Atkinson died Dec. 11, 1937.

Airplane Damaged

The back roof of the hangar at the Turners Falls airport, gave way last Sunday morning, with the unusual weight of snow and ice and as a result three airplanes were somewhat damaged. One of them was the new Luscombe all metal plane, owned by Monroe Smith of the Youth Hostel. The plane was recently purchased and was kept at the Turners Falls airport. It is said that the damage was to the tail assembly which probably can be repaired at the airport.

Center School News

The weekly assembly program was held last Friday morning, with the principal Walter Harding in charge. Kay Moody gave the Bible reading and led the prayer. William Shattuck led the flag salute. A quiz program was conducted and Goddard Winterbottom of the sixth grade won with a total of twelve questions answered correctly. Reading certificates for five books were awarded by Miss Braley to Edwin Stevens, Viola Sytnik and Carl Stone; for ten books to Marion Avery, Raymond Bugbee, Lorraine Gingsas and Rita Cota; and for fifteen books to Helen Andrew and Neil Churchill.

Report cards for the January-February term were given out Friday afternoon. June Cota, Arlene Finch, Rua Jones, Kay Moody, Marion Avery and Mary

Fisher won high honor rating. The honor students were Neil Churchill, Helen Kozlowski, Helen Howard, Norma Leach, Phebe Stacy, Elsie Wing, Marion Zabko, Paul Gorzocowski, Anna Lerna-towitz, Helen Andrew, Marilyn Dresser, Lorraine Gingsas Alva Jones, Lois Stearns, and Goddard Winterbottom.

Perfect attendance records for the two months were scored by Neil Churchill, June Cota, Arlene Finch, Helen Howard, Rua Jones, Ernest Kenney, George Phelps, Shirley Purrington, John Rikert, Helen Andrew, Rita Cota, Sophie Duda, Beatrice Jurkowski, Victor Sherwood, Charlotte Stebbins,

Marion Avery, Blanche Duda, Julia Ladzinaki, Raymond Bugbee, James Morgan, Edwin Stevens, Elwin Stevens, Robert Hubbard and Alva Jones.

Young People's Forum

Rev. Everett Lyon of Millers Falls will speak on "Hobbies" this Sunday evening at 7:45 in the Congregational church under the sponsorship of the Young Peoples Forum. Rev. Edward Dahl will lead the devotional period. The March social of the Forum will be next Wednesday, the 19th at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited. The business meeting is at 7:30.

Women To Be Guests

Women will be guests of the members of the Northfield Brotherhood at the supper and program next Tuesday evening at the Congregational church. Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of the department of religion and the Bible will speak on "The Background for the war in the Near East." Prof. Harlow was for many years a missionary in the Near East and has visited it twice in the last ten years. Daniel Bodley, president of the Brotherhood will preside.

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EDITORIAL

NAVIGABLE RIVER

The Federal Power Commission
it is revealed through news de-
patches, says that the Connecticut
river must be considered "navigable
from its mouth, up to and
beyond Bellows Falls." In ancient
days, it is said, rafts and scows
did float along the river here-
abouts, but knowing the river as
most of us know it today, the press
story makes us smile. It is only in
parts that one is able to float a
row-boat now and then with no
feeling of safety. It might be
made navigable if it is treated
however as a Panama Canal with
its Cul-de-sacs and system of
locks, but the thought is as crazy
as the fact of ever being a possi-
bility.

INSURANCE

To insure and be insured is a
valued consideration in the process
of life. But when insuring many
matters must be thought of. Re-
cently, a number of the citizens
of this town have been solicited
by mail for insurance policies of
various kinds at enticing low
premiums and with rosy promises.
Attractive printing matter was
enclosed and the message always
was interesting. We make no re-
flections upon any company en-
gaging in this method of solici-
tation, but we do suggest, that be-
fore you invest, make sure the
company is authorized to do busi-
ness in this state, otherwise you
will not have the proper protec-
tion to which you are entitled un-
der the state laws. Further, in
case of a dispute you would have
to seek satisfaction in the courts
of the state where the company
is domiciled.

DEMOCRACY

Government, under strict de-
mocracy, doesn't compete with its
citizens in business and doesn't
receive an income, except through
taxation. But democracy is flexi-
ble and its existence depends upon
the will of the people. If the peo-
ple wish to waken democracy by
permitting government to banish
freedom of enterprise, they are
entitled to do so.

The fact that democracy is so
flexible enables any person in the
land to advocate policies which,
when adopted, curb the rights of
citizens, thus causing the democ-
ratic way to become more and
more remote. Strange as it may
seem, the very people whose lib-
erties and opportunities are thus
destroyed, often support such poli-
cies. Because no man can definite-
ly say just how far democracy can
be submerged by government
before it is in the clutches of
socialism, the people accept re-
strictive measures, figuring that it
is safe to do so as long as de-
mocracy remains in form, even
though in reality it doesn't exist
as it was originally intended.

When a people forget how de-
mocracy was born, and ignore the
principles that keep it alive, it is
hard to see what will stop the
growth of a system which will
destroy it. Democracy is non-
existent when socialism gets the
upper hand.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

Back yard garden folks use our
imagination to plan beautiful flow-
er gardens from daffodils in the
spring to chrysanthemums in the
fall, and then we try to create
them. But somehow they are never
quite as our imagination sees
them.

The trouble of course is our
execution. The best method of
getting some definite ideas on cre-
ating home gardens is to attend
a flower show, and needless to say
our own New England flower show
is about the best in the country.
It opens in Boston March 17 and
runs through March 22.

From what I hear, the central
idea this year is gardens and
flowers for everyone. And that
means that there'll be the newest
and the best in the way of garden
suggestions for everyone.

You're going to find roses and
carnations and lilies and all the
standard garden flowers, and you're
going to find combinations of veg-
etable and flower gardens. You'll
find garden tools. And even the
garden clubs will be there with
special demonstrations.

Somebody told me that there'll
be more than 170 displays in the
show. And if you can't get some
good definite ideas from that many
gardens—well, it's because you
don't try.

I was reading last week some
of the notes I made at the flower
show a year ago. My suggestion
is that you take a good notebook
and a pencil, wear a good pair of
shoes and leave the wife (or the
husband) at home—at least on the
day that you go. Then take all
the time you need. If you're
alone, you can make notes at your
leisure and you don't have to hur-
ry along to see what your better
half wants. If you go with some-
one else he or she is not going
to be interested in the same things
as you. The result will be that
you won't take the time you
should to really get some ideas
well in mind.

Make plenty of notes. You'll
find every plant labeled, and
here's no reason why you should
not be able to transplant some of
the suggestions you find in the
flower show to your own back
yard. And not only that, you'll
find new flowers you never
dreamed existed. You'll get more
information on color combinations
than you can use in ten years' time.

Another thing, you'll be able
to get first-hand information on
newest developments in fertiliz-
ers and all the newest ideas in
spray materials, plant growth
materials and anything else on the
market.

I don't mean that you should
buy everything you see displayed
at the show, but if you just have
a notebook handy you can take the
names down and get the things
later. I personally hate to come
back from any show loaded down
with anything but ideas. It's much
more restful not to have your
pockets crammed full of sample
bottles, folders, fliers, catalogs,
and whatnots.

February Was Sunny But Quite Cold

From a report for the month
of February, on weather condi-
tions issued at the Massachusetts
State college, February had an
unusual amount of 212 hours of
sunshine. The usual average of
past years has been 158. The total
precipitation was 1.59 inches com-
pared to a normal of 3.19 inches.
The snowfall was only 2.25 inches
far less than the customary aver-
age of 18.99 inches. The snow-
fall was the least recorded for
February for many years, al-
though in 1937 only half an inch
fell. The mean temperature for
the month was 25.6 degrees com-
pared to a normal of 23.7. On
the whole, we in Northfield rather
enjoyed the weather of the month,
but no one regrets we are one
month nearer the spring. March
has come in like a roar, with its
cold its storm, and snow, a virtual
blizzard which blanketed all the
eastern area. Traffic was a hazard
wherever it was possible, but roads
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ears—they could imagine history
taking place.

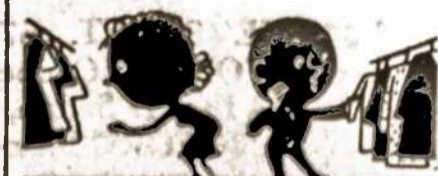
When the world crisis took
shape, every station in the country
added more news periods to their
programs and put on more news
commentators. Some brought
newspaper columnists to the air,
networks brought listeners the
words of observers in foreign
capitals. Everything was pointed
to one thing—news.

That is why it is interesting to
note the experiment of one New
York station, WHN, which now
presents a Radio Newsreel Theatre
of the Air. For two hours—
one in the morning and the other
in the evening—its listeners get
complete ten-minute newscasts.
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on a station's daily bill of fare.

John: It may be cruel to tell you,
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versed and rural areas showed
the better gain... In 1790, the
first Federal census taken, total
population of Massachusetts was
378,800 less than half the present
number of people in Boston...
Agricultural production of Mas-
sachusetts during 1940 included
9,281,000 pounds of tobacco, 325,-
000 barrels of cranberries, 2,-
174,000 bushels of commercial
apples, 594,000 tons of hay. Total
crop acreage, 497,050 acres, was
6,400 acres larger than in 1939.
The 1939 census of manufactures
showed that of the 521,657 em-
ployees in Massachusetts industry,
11.8 per cent are salaried, 88.2
per cent are wage earners. In
1937, 12.1 per cent were salaried,
87.9 per cent were wage earners.
Some of our words adopted from
the native Indian are skunk, chip-
munk, woodchuck, squash, cas-
cara, succotash, mugwump and
moccasin... The Mohawk Trail,
opened in 1915, follows the old
route that the fierce Mohawks
took on their raids from the Hud-
son into the Connecticut valley.
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York to Boston was carried in
1873 using the route through New
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